



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**  
REP. JASON M SHEPPARD  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020                      3:37 PM                      Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Standing Committee on Government Operations was called to order by Chair Sheppard.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig, Rabhi.  
Absent/Excused: None.

Representative Cole moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 27, 2020. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5576 and HB 5580 before the committee:

HB 5576                      (Rep. Frederick)                      A bill to establish certain financial aid programs for certain residents of this state seeking associate degrees or industry-recognized certificates or credentials from certain educational and jobs training programs; to provide for the administration of the financial aid programs; and to prescribe certain powers and duties of certain state officers, agencies, and departments.

HB 5580                      (Rep. Anthony) A bill to amend 1979 PA 94, entitled "The state school aid act of 1979," by amending section 256 (MCL 388.1856), as amended by 2019 PA 62.

Representative Frederick and Representative Anthony testified in support of HB 5576 and HB 5580. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Lilly moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 5576. The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig, Rabhi.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Brian Calley, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, Erin Schor, representing the Michigan Community College Association, and Todd Tennis, representing the American Federation of Teachers Michigan, all testified in support of HB 5576 and HB 5580.

Tim Griemel, representing AFSCME Council 25, testified in support of HB 5576 and HB 5580.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5576 and HB 5580, but did not wish to speak:

Todd Gustafson, representing Kinexus.

Dr. Trevor Kubatzke, President of Lake Michigan College.

The following people submitted a card in support of HB 5576, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Claywell, representing the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council.

Alex Rossman, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Nancy Lindman, representing the Michigan Association of United Ways.

Dr. David Michelson, representing the Michigan Education Association.

Dan Papineau, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa Canada, representing the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights.

Kevin Stotts, representing Talent 2025.

Alexa Kramer, representing the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Brad Williams, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.

Delany McKinley, representing the Michigan Manufactures Association.

Tim Sowton, representing the Business Leaders for Michigan.

Rusty Merchant, representing Grand Rapids Community College.

Anne Mervenne, representing the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Representative Lilly moved to report out HB 5576 with recommendation, as substitute (H-1).

The motion prevailed 5-0-0:

#### FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig, Rabhi.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

Representative Greig moved to report out HB 5580 with recommendation. The motion prevailed

5-0-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly, Greig, Rabhi.

Nays: None.

Pass: None.

The Chair laid HCR 17 before the committee:

HCR 17 (Rep. Sheppard) A concurrent resolution to urge the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to appeal the federal court ruling invalidating the waiver for Michigan's Medicaid work requirements, defend the waiver, and uphold its intended purpose of encouraging self-sufficiency.

Chairman Shepherd testified in support of HCR 17. Questions and discussion followed.

The following person submitted a card in support of HCR 17, but did not wish to speak:

Amanda Fisher, representing the National Federation of Independent Business of Michigan.

The following people submitted a card in opposition to HCR 17, but did not wish to speak:

Merissa Kovach, representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Alex Rossman, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Anne Mervenne, representing the United Way for Southeastern Michigan.

Algeria Wilson, representing the National Association of Social Workers.

Emily Schwartzkopf, representing the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Representative Cole moved to report out HCR 17 with recommendation. The motion prevailed 3-2-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Sheppard, Cole, Lilly.

Nays: Reps. Greig, Rabhi.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Rep. Jason Sheppard adjourned the meeting at 4:08 PM.

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Representative Jason Sheppard, Chair

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